

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Page 1, after the title, please amend the paragraph as follows:

**Continuation Data**

This application claims priority from Japanese Application No JP2001-204547 filed July 5, 2001, which is a continuation of International Application PCT/JO02/06760, with an international filing date of June 3, 2002, which designated the United States, was amended on February 4, 2003, and is now abandoned.

Page 3, lines 2-8, please amend as follows:

A glass panel ~~relating to claim 1~~, as illustrated in Fig. 3 and Figs. 5-7, includes a pair of glass sheets 1, 2 disposed in opposition to each other via a gap V therebetween, peripheral edges of the two glass sheets 1, 2 being bonded with low melting glass 4 for sealing the gap V, wherein in a cross section substantially normal to faces of the two glass sheets, 1,2, an adjacent face 4a of the low melting glass 4 adjacent the gap V has a center portion thereof between the two glass sheets 1, 2 bulging toward the gap V.

Page 3, lines 25-27, please amend as follows:

According to a glass panel ~~relating to claim 2~~, as illustrated in Fig. 3 and Figs. 5-7, the adjacent face 4a is formed as a curved face bulging toward the gap V.

Page 4, lines 4-6, please amend as follows:

According to a glass panel ~~relating to claim 3~~, as illustrated in Fig. 1, spacers 3 are provided in the gap V between the pair of glass sheets 1, 2, the gap V being sealed under a depressurized state.

Page 7, line 27 - page 8, line 5, please amend as follows:

Thereafter, there is effected a baking step for evacuating gas present inside the gap V through the glass tube 6 inserted in the evacuation hole 5, by heating the gap V between the glass sheets 1, 2 with maintaining the temperature inside the heating furnace 14 at 400° or higher, which is equivalent to a softened state of the low melting glass 4 when it has a viscosity of  $10^{11}$  poise, i.e. a softened state of  $10^{10}$  ~~Pascal/sec.~~ Pascal seconds (Pa · s) or lower, in other words, before its viscosity exceeds  $10^{10}$  Pascal/sec. (Pa · s), while maintaining the viscosity of the low melting glass 4 at the softened state of  $10^{10}$  ~~Pascal/sec.~~ Pascal seconds (Pa · s) at the same time.

Page 8, lines 6-10, please amend as follows:

Specifically, by means of evacuation with a rotary pump or a turbo molecular pump connected with the flexible pipe 12, the inside of the evacuation cup 10 is depressurized and also the inside of the ~~gap~~ gap V is depressurized to 1.33 Pa or lower via the glass tube 6 and the small-diameter hole 5b.

Page 8, lines 11-15, please amend as follows:

When this baking step is being carried out, the low melting glass 4 is under the softened state having the viscosity of  $10^{10}$  ~~Pascal/sec.~~ Pascal seconds ( $\text{Pa} \cdot \text{s}$ ). Hence, in association of the depressurization of the gap V, its adjacent face 4a will be formed into a curved face bulging toward the gap V, as shown in Fig. 3 or Fig. 5 (c).